



September 18, 2019

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: FOIA Request DOC-OIG-2019-002231

Dear Dr. Karron:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated September 7, 2019 and received by the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General (OIG) on September 9, 2019, in which you seek copies of "Investigative record of the Daniel B Karron and Computer-Aided Surgery investigation and conviction in 2004-2001." The tracking number for your request is **DOC-OIG-2019-002231**. Please refer to this number in all correspondence regarding your request. This correspondence requests that you provide valid certification of your identity and clarification of your request.

Your email contained an attachment, which is nearly 5 years old, without valid notary public information. We are not able to accept this document as a valid certification of identity. Because you are making a request for documents relating to "Daniel B Karron", we require that you do one of the following pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §§ 4.4(b) and 4.24:

- (1) Appear in person at our office at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 7896, Washington, DC 20230, and present satisfactory proof of identity in the form of one of the following (in the order of preference and priority):
 - (a) a document bearing your photograph (for example, driver's license, passport or military or civilian identification card);
 - (b) a document, preferably issued for participation in a Federally-sponsored program, bearing your signature (for example, unemployment insurance book, employer's identification card, national credit card, and professional, craft or union membership card); or
 - (c) a document bearing neither your photograph nor signature, preferably issued for participation in a federally sponsored program (for example, Medicaid card).
- (2) Send this office a copy of your request that is accompanied by a certification of a notary public or equivalent officer empowered to administer oaths. The certification in or attached to the letter should substantially include the following text:

City of _____, County of _____.
_____ (Name of individual), who affixed (his) (her) signature below in my presence, came before me, a (title), in and for the aforesaid County and State, this _____ day of _____, 20____, and established (his) (her) identity to my satisfaction. My commission expires _____.

Signature: _____.

- (3) Send this office a statement of identity made under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. Please include your full name, current address, and the information requested, along with the statement made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, in substantially the following form (a sample form is attached for your convenience):
- (a) If executed outside the United States: “I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)”.
 - (b) If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or commonwealths: “I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)”.

Please note that these requirements serve to protect your personal privacy and to prevent the unauthorized release of information to third parties. When we receive satisfactory proof of your identity, we will process the request. If we do not receive this verification of identity by October 18, 2019, we will consider that you are no longer interested in this request and administratively close it out.

Please direct the information requested above via mail or hand delivery to FOIA Officer, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 7896, Washington, DC 20230, via e-mail at foia@oig.doc.gov, or via fax at 202-501-7335.

Finally, we ask that you provide clarification of your request for records pursuant to the Department’s FOIA regulations. 15 C.F.R. § 4.6(c). Specifically, because requests for specific aspects of this case have previously been processed, we require clarification regarding what documentation you consider to constitute the “investigative record.” Department of Commerce FOIA regulations state that, a “FOIA request must reasonably describe the agency records sought, to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, subject matter of the record, case number, file designation, or reference number, and the name and location of the office where the record(s) might be found.” Your request does not reasonably describe the records sought with sufficient specificity to enable the OIG to locate responsive records with a reasonable amount of effort. I am available to discuss your request if you would like to reformulate or modify your request. If you fail to provide sufficient detail by October 21, 2019, we will notify you in writing that your request has not been properly made, that no further action will be taken.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me or Laura Main, Government Information Specialist, by phone at (202) 482-5992 or via e-mail at FOIA@oig.doc.gov.

Sincerely,
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FOIA Officer

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